

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Thomas J. LA ROSA *et al.*

Appln. No.: 10/612,783

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Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other  
Molecules Associated with Plants and  
Uses Thereof for Plant Improvement

Art Unit: 1638

Examiner: Phuong T. BUI

Confirmation No.: 2839

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**Amendment and Response to Office Action Mailed August 5, 2009**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 5, 2009 ("Office Action"), Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that are otherwise provided for in the documents accompanying this paper. However, if any additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned, and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account Number 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.288. Charges to Deposit Account Number 50-2387 are also authorized for any other fees related to the present application that are not otherwise provided for in the accompanying documents.

**Amendments** to the Claims begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 3.